(3) the number having judicial powers;

(4) the number of Panchayats to which judicial powers were conferred during the regime of the present Superintendent;

(5) the names of the Panchayats to which judicial powers were given last and the date;

(6) the list of Panchayats from which applications were received for judicial powers?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) 23rd Mithunam 1097

(2) Eighty six.

(3) Twenty-four.

(4) None.

(5) Mulanthuruthu, Poyya, Kallur Thekkummuri, Kurkancheri, Kaiparamba, Kattakampal, Panjal and Pattancheri. 1st Chingam 1096.

(6) Applications have been received from almost all the Panchayats.

Action against Aiykiam Newspaper.

58 Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether criminal proceedings were taken against the printers and publishers of the Aiykiam Newspaper; if so the names of those and what were the charges and how was the matter disposed of?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes; as regards the 2nd part, the Member is informed that the matter is sub-judice.

Pension to Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar.

59. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the amount of pension allowed to the retired Diwan Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar, M. A., B. L., per month;

(2) is any amount more than that allowable by the present Standing Orders sanctioned;

(3) if so, is the excess amount sanctioned, to be given by the Government or from any other source;

(4) what has the retired Diwan done to the State to deserve this excess pension?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Rs. 750 per mensem.

(2) Yes. It is not the 'Standing Orders' but the "Service Regulations", that govern such matters.

(3) From the Government Revenues.

(4) All that he did during the term of his Diwanship.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the excess amount, how much more than that allowable by the Service Regulations was given?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Rs. 250 per mensem.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was it given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer is given in sub-division 4.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the special thing that he did?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—The answer is there.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any of the previous Diwans given this excess?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So, what has he done specially to merit this special favour?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Each Diwan is appointed under certain special circumstances. When the pension is decided, it will be also under special considerations. If the Member gives a parallel case, I shall answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What are the special considerations?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The special consideration was that he was in service for 33 years and he deserved Rs. 750.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—For how many years was he the Diwan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For more than five years.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there not other Diwans who were in service for such a long time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There might have been. But there would be other considerations which distinguish this from the other.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I do not know exactly what are these special conditions.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not say any special condition.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What are those conditions which distinguish him from the other Diwans?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Some Diwans may be coming from the British Service. So their pension will be decided by the rules in force there. Others may be retired officials of the British service and there may be agreements between them and the State.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any special concession given to Diwan Sankunni Menon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have no information on that point, I want notice.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether any grant was given to any Cochin Diwan, Diwan Sankara Wariar and others.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice. If this does not agree with my previous answer, I am sorry.

Manufacture of cement at the Stoneware Factory.

60. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any steps have been taken to start the manufacture of cement at the Stoneware Factory in Chalakkudi ; if not, when do they propose to start cement-making there ?

Mr. S. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar.—The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 55.)

Received from the Director of Public Instruction the sum of Rs. 2,000 being the Government contribution for the conduct of the Conferences in the year.....

Place.....
Date.....

(Sd). Secretary, Special Conference Committee.

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